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BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of:

Glenwood, Alabama 36034  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No: A2012-25

Enid C. Folmar, Petitioner(s)

## PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Glenwood, AL post office. The Final Determination was posted September 26, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

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**REASONS WHY I BELIEVE THE POSTAL SERVICE'S FINAL DETERMINATION SHOULD BE REVERSED:**

(A) The closing of the Glenwood, AL Post Office will create a greater hardship on the handicapped, older residents and those in the low income bracket. There is no bus service, taxi service or other public transportation in rural Crenshaw County to provide transportation to neighboring post offices.

(B) The closing will terminate the employment of the OIC who has been managing the office since April 24, 2010.

(C) The closing contradicts the steps stated in US Code 39 regarding post office closings due to "being non self-supporting and also, a "postmaster vacancy" alone being the reason. Certain liberties seem to have been taken with the interpretation of the Code.

(D) The hypothesis of the Postal Service that closing this office will result in economic savings is just that, a hypothesis. Currently the lessor is paid \$3200 in rent annually and he pays the property taxes. The OIC/Manager is paid an hourly rate with zero benefits. The plan of the Postal Service is to provide mail service with "roadside boxes" and/or "CBU's." This plan presents another expense as this would call for a re-evaluation of the rural route currently serving the area . From my view-point as a retired postmaster, this will, in all probability, result in requiring the use of an auxiliary carrier or another regular carrier, either of which would have to be paid scale wages plus benefits. Also, there is the loss of revenue from the post office box rents to be considered, a potential of \$8,825 at present rates.

(E) From a human interest standpoint, to close this office would be like "taking the town off life support" as it has been woven into the fabric of this community since 1900. It, along with our five churches, binds the town people together.

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